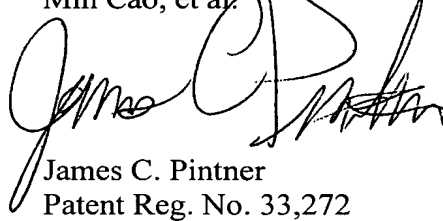


overcome. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner has any further questions or would like to discuss this application in more detail, he is invited to call the Applicants' agent at the telephone number given below. The Applicants respectfully suggest that the claims presently in the application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicants solicit favorable action.

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